

The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace

Call for Proposals

The Sophie Davis Learning Community is meant to bring together scholars and activists looking into questions of gender, conflict resolution and peace from diverse disciplines and perspectives. We aim to create a scholarly community that will develop various creative and innovative collaborations around these themes. The community will meet once a month to discuss a specific concept. Each meeting will feature three to five short presentations (10-15 min) and then open the stage for Q&A, followed by general discussion about the concept, its place and meaning in our research, activism, and lived experiences.

Please note: Unless otherwise advertised, the events will take place in Hebrew.

Our first event, Hope, Gender, and Conflict Resolution (see enclosed), will take place on Monday, Dec 19, 2016, 2:00-3:30pm, Room 501, Beit Maierdorf, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

We invite you to submit presentation proposals for the upcoming meetings, focusing on Kavod (כבוד), Translation (תרגום), Compassion (חמלה), and Belonging (שייכות).

Proposals should be 100-150w (English), directly engage with the meeting's concept (see below), and sent to: Dr. Tal Nitsán (tal.nitsan1@mail.huji.ac.il.)

Deadline for the January meeting is Dec 18. For the rest: Dec 30.

Kavod, Gender, and Conflict Resolution

Monday, Jan 16, 2017, 12:00-2:00, Mt. Scopus Campus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In 1992 the Israeli state chose *Kavod* (כבוד), not equality, as its key value. The Hebrew term, claims Orit Kamir (2004), encompass four related, complementing and contradicting concepts: dignity, honor, respect and glory. As individuals residing and working in an honor-based society, we often struggle with its premises and encounter various challenges to maintain and promote glory, dignity and respect. In this meeting we invite scholars studying gender and conflict/ resolution to reflect on how aspects of dignity, honor, respect and glory meet and intersect in their research, activism, and lived experiences.

Translation, Gender, and Conflict Resolution

Wednesday, March 15, 12:00-2:00, room 2415, the Faculty of Social Science, Hebrew University.

Translation is an act, a process, or an instance of communicating, carrying across, an idea, a concept, or a thought into a different system of meaning or action. How do we translate ideas into actions? Legislation into practices? Concepts into curricula? How do we translate international ideology to local circumstances?



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How traditions, languages, and individuals' social locations impact these processes? In this meeting we invite scholars studying gender and conflict/resolution to offer insights on processes of *translation* they encounter in their research, activism, and lived experiences. Considering the proximity of International Women's day we invite you to particularly consider how such an idea/a concept is translated into our lived experience(s).

Compassion, Gender, and Conflict Resolution

**Wednesday, April 18, 2017, 12:00-2:00, Mt. Scopus Campus,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem.**

Compassion is the ability to put oneself in a position of another, acknowledge their suffering, and a desire—at times a commitment—to alleviate or reduce it. While seen as a human trait, a simple mode of conduct between individuals, it is often embedded within larger structures of power relations. Scholars focusing on the intersection of gender and conflict often struggle with *compassion*: the burden of empathy, the question of taking action—as scholars, activists, educators, humans—and the larger structures we navigate through—the neoliberal state, ideologies of care, identity politics. In this meeting we invite you to explore the various ways *Compassion* plays a role in your research, activism, and lived experiences.

Belonging, Gender, and Conflict Resolution

**Monday, May 8, 2017, 12:00-2:00, room 2415, the Faculty of Social Science,, Mt. Scopus Campus,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem.**

Belonging, the human emotional need to fit, to be accepted, to be part of something greater than ourselves (a social group, a place), stands in the center of social struggles for equality, equity, and wellbeing, that we encounter as scholars focusing on gender and conflict/ resolution. Many of us struggle to belong to a certain structure, others to release themselves from a structure they were assigned to, and some to challenge the ways in which such structures are constructed. Most of us operate from within—the power and limitation of—a particular (assigned, achieved) status and a sense of *belonging*. This meeting invites you to reflect of these various tensions as reflected in your research, activism, and lived experiences.

***Please note: the schedule is subjected to changes.**

